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Committees: Criminal Law and Corrections (Minority Vice Chair); Family and Civil Law (Minority Vice Chair); Health Policy

Biography: Democrat, of Okemos; born in Northern Michigan, where both her father and grandfather served as Probate Judges; B.S., Western Michigan University; law degree, with distinction, Thomas Cooley Law School, 1979; attorney, private law practice, Baird and Zulakis, P.C.; first elected to the House of Representatives in 1994; former Ingham County Commissioner; past vice chair of the Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health Board; member, State Bar of Michigan; admitted to practice before Federal District Court; Michigan State Bar Fellow; Women Lawyers Association of Michigan; State Bar of Michigan, Law School for Legislators; National Commissioner on Uniform State Laws; member Michigan Sentencing Guidelines Commission; member, Michigan Law Revision Commission; Midwest Council of State Governments, Committee on Economic Development & Interstate Competition; Council of State Governments National Legislative Conference, Corrections and Public Safety Task Force; NAACP Life Member; Association for Children's Mental Health, 1997 Legislator of the Year; Tell It Like It Is Award from The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Michigan, 1997; Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, 1998 Legislator of the Year Award; The ARC of Michigan, 1999 Legislator of the Year Award; Board of Directors, United Cerebral Palsy Association of Michigan (1993-1995); married to attorney George Zulakis; three children: Michael, Nicholas, and Zoe.

